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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

SUMMARY

The present report contains three draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Committee recommends to the Council:

(a) That consultative status be granted to 91 non-governmental organizations which had applied;

(b) That 14 non-governmental organizations be reclassified.

By draft decision II, the Committee requests the Council to approve the provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1997.

By draft decision III, the Committee requests the Council to authorize the Committee to meet in a resumed session in order to complete the work of its 1995 session.

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I. MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category I

African American Institute

Association for Progressive Communications

COLAC - Latin American Confederation of Credit Unions

DEVNET

Franciscans International

Global 2000

Colombian Confederation of NGOs

HelpAge International

InterAction, American Council for Voluntary International Action

International Association of Soldiers for Peace

International Informatization Academy

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

National Council of Negro Women

Transnational Radical Party

World Economic Forum

World Fellowship of Buddhists

WorldWide Fund for Nature International

WORLDWIDE Network - Women in Development and Environment

Category II

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

African Health and Human Rights Promoters Commission

African Society of International and Comparative Law

All-China Women's Federation

ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organization

Asian Women Human Rights Council

Association for the Advancement of Psychological Understanding of Human Nature

Association of Arab-American University Graduates

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)

Association of Third World Studies

Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Sanstha

Brothers of Charity

Center for International Health and Cooperation

Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network

Cousteau Society, The

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)

Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace

European-Asian-Latin American Institute for Cooperation

European Forum for Victim Services

Economists Allied for Arms Reduction

European Women's Lobby

Federal Union of European Nationalities

Global Fund for Women

Goodwill Industries, International, Inc.

Group for Study and Research into Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa

Gulf Automobile Federation

Habitat for Humanity International

Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation

Indian Council of Education

Information Habitat: Where Information Lives (formerly International Synergy Institute)

INTERMON

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms

International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

International Committee of Peace and Human Rights

International Forum for Child Welfare

International Hotel Association

International Islamic Relief Organization

International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization

International Prison Watch

International Women's Health Coalition

Keystone Center

Latin American Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM)

MADRE, Inc.

Marine Environmental Research Institute (MERI)

Mercy International

National Bar Association

National Safety Council

Netherlands Organization for International Development Cooperation

New Human Rights

North-South XXI

PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association, Inc.

Perhaps ... Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference

Permanent Assembly for Human Rights

Physicians for Human Rights

Queen Alia Fund for Social Development

Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements

Resources for the Future, Inc.

Simon Wiesenthal Center

SOS Drugs International

Temple of Understanding

United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation

Water Environment Federation

Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources, Inc.

"Women-Action" Research and Training Group

Women's World Summit Foundation

World Information Transfer

Roster

European Federation of Road Traffic Crash Victims

European Road Safety Equipment Federation (EUROADSAFE)

International Council of AIDS Service Organizations

International Police Association

Landscape Institute

(b) To reclassify 9 organizations from category II to category I and 5 organizations from the roster to category II, as follows:

Category I

American Association of Retired Persons

International Abolitionist Federation

International Association for Religious Freedom

International Federation on Ageing

Liberal International

OISCA (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement - International)

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities

Socialist International

World Conference on Religion and Peace

Category II

Institute for Women, Law and Development

International Federation of ACATA (Action of Christians for the Abolition of Torture)

International Real Estate Federation

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)

SOS-Kinderdorf International

DRAFT DECISION II

Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1997

The Economic and Social Council approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1997 set out below:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD IN 1997

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassifications received from non-governmental organizations.

Documentation

Applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General

Requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General

4. Review of the quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: report submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968

Follow-up to decisions taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its session in 1995: report submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968

5. Review of future activities.

6. Review of methods of work of the Committee.

7. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1999.

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

DRAFT DECISION III

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to hold a resumed session for a period of one week in January 1996 in order to complete the work of its 1995 session.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND REQUESTS FOR RECLASSIFICATION RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

2. The Committee considered item 3 of its agenda at its 556th to 579th meetings, from 12 to 23 June 1995. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on deferred applications for consultative status (E/C.2/1995/R.1);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1995/R.2 and Add.1-31);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1995/R.3 and Add.1-8).

A. Application for consultative status deferred from the 1993 session of the Committee

3. At its 1993 session, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had decided to defer consideration of the application of Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team until its 1995 session.

4. The Secretariat communicated the decision of the Committee to the organization in a letter dated 13 April 1993 and informed the organization that, should it decide to resubmit its application to the Committee, it should do so by 1 June 1994.

5. At its 556th meeting, on 12 June 1995, the Committee took note that Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team had failed to submit a new questionnaire to the Secretariat by 1 June 1994, as had been requested.

B. New applications for consultative status

6. At the 569th meeting, on 19 June 1995, a proposal was made by the representative of Cuba to defer action on the application of Freedom House for category II consultative status until the next regular session of the Committee.

7. At the same meeting, a proposal was made by the representative of Ireland to grant category II consultative status to the organization. He then requested that a vote be taken on the proposal to defer action.

8. The proposal was rejected by a roll-call vote of 9 to 8, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia.

Against: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Paraguay, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: India.

9. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Ethiopia, Costa Rica and the United States of America.

10. The representative of Ireland stated that his delegation would vote against the proposal.

11. The representative of Ethiopia stated that his delegation was in favour of the proposal.

12. The representative of Costa Rica stated that her delegation would vote against the proposal.

13. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Paraguay, Greece, India and Swaziland.

14. The representative of India stated that her abstention in the vote did not necessarily reflect her position on the next vote on the substance of the matter.

15. The representative of Swaziland declared that the result of the vote had no bearing on his position, and that the organization should apologize to his Government.

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba then requested that a vote be taken on the proposal of Ireland to grant category II consultative status to Freedom House.

17. The proposal was rejected by a roll-call vote of 9 to 9. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Paraguay, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: China, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia.

Abstaining: None.

18. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China and Cuba.

19. China stated that, in irresponsibly launching unwarranted attacks against sovereign States, the vast majority of whom were developing countries, the organization had seriously violated the principles of objectivity, impartiality and non-selectivity contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights. The Chinese delegation could not support such an organization; it was a pity that the Committee had chosen to resolve its differences by means of a vote.

20. The representative of Cuba stated that his delegation would vote against the proposal, although he would have preferred a decision by consensus.

21. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Bulgaria, Swaziland, Cuba, China and Ireland.

22. The representative of Cuba stated that if the organization wished to reapply, it should do so at a regular session of the Committee.

23. At the 573rd meeting, on 21 June 1995, the representative of Swaziland made a proposal to close the debate on the application of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA).

24. At the same meeting, the Chairman made a proposal that category II consultative status be granted to IALANA.

25. The representative of Swaziland requested that a vote be taken on the proposal of the Chairman to grant category II consultative status to IALANA. A roll-call was then requested by the representative of Cuba.

26. The proposal was adopted by a roll-call vote of 10 to 4, with 1 abstention.

In favour: Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Paraguay.

Against: Russian Federation, Swaziland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Philippines.

27. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Costa Rica, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Cuba, Chile, China and Ethiopia.

28. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that his delegation doubted whether the aims of the organization were relevant to the work of the Economic and Social Council. However, to show its flexibility, his delegation was willing to grant Roster status to the organization but could not support it for the category requested.

29. The representative of Costa Rica stated that her delegation would support the proposal.

30. The representatives of the United States and of the United Kingdom expressed the view that Roster status seemed more appropriate in the light of the work that the organization was undertaking.

31. The representatives of Cuba and Chile stated that they would support the proposal.

32. The representative of China stated that his delegation would vote in favour of the application on the understanding that granting consultative status to the organization in no way implied that the organization thereby attained the right to participate in the activities of organizations, institutions and conferences in other fields, such as the field of arms reduction.

33. The representative of Ethiopia expressed his regret that the Committee had resorted to voting. He said that his delegation would have been willing to support Roster status to preserve consensus but, since consensus could not be reached, would instead vote for the granting of category II status to the organization.

34. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Swaziland.

35. The representatives of Chile and Greece expressed their regret that the Committee had resorted to voting and stated that the Committee should endeavour to strive to continue the use of consensus in decision-making.

36. Swaziland pointed out that a vote was allowed under the rules of procedure.

37. The representative of Costa Rica indicated that in the process of decision-making, consensus was the desirable and preferable option. However, if it was not possible to achieve consensus and it was necessary to apply the rules of procedure of the Council, there should be no regret, since voting was an option as legitimate as consensus: consensus should not be compelled so as to become a form of veto.

38. At the 579th meeting, on 23 June, the Committee decided to defer the consideration of the following applications for consultative status until the resumed session of the Committee:

International Energy Foundation

ISIS International (Chile)

ISIS International Women's Information and Communications Service

39. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category I

African American Institute

Association for Progressive Communications

COLAC - Latin American Confederation of Credit Unions

DEVNET Association

Franciscans International

Global 2000

Colombian Confederation of NGOs

HelpAge International

InterAction, American Council for Voluntary International Action

International Association of Soldiers for Peace

International Informatization Academy

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

National Council of Negro Women

Transnational Radical Party

World Economic Forum

World Fellowship of Buddhists

World Wide Fund for Nature International

WorldWIDE Network - Women in Development and Environment

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

African Health and Human Rights Promoters Commission

African Society of International and Comparative Law

All-China Women's Federation

ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organizations

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Association for the Advancement of Psychological Understanding of Human Nature

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Center for International Health and Cooperation

Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network

Cousteau Society, The

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)

Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace

Economists Allied for Arms Reduction

European-Asian-Latin American Institute for Cooperation

European Forum for Victim Services

European Women's Lobby

Federal Union of European Nationalities

Global Fund for Women, The

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Group for Study and Research into Democracy and Economic and Social Development in Africa

Gulf Automobile Federation

Habitat for Humanity International

Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation

Indian Council of Education

Information Habitat: Where Information Lives (formerly International Synergy Institute)

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International Forum for Child Welfare

International Hotel Association

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International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization

International Prison Watch

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European Road Safety Equipment Federation

International Council of AIDS Service Organizations

International Police Association

Landscape Institute

C. New requests for reclassification

40. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council reclassify nine organizations from category II to category I and five organizations from the Roster to category II.

Category I

American Association of Retired Persons

International Abolitionist Federation

International Association for Religious Freedom

International Federation on Ageing

Liberal International

OISCA International (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement)

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities

Socialist International

World Conference on Religion and Peace

Category II

Institute for Women, Law and Development

International Federation of ACATA (Action of Christians for the Abolition of Torture)

International Real Estate Federation

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)

SOS-Kinderdorf International

III. REVIEW OF QUADRENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, CATEGORIES I AND II

41. The Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 577th to 579th meetings, from 22 to 23 June 1995. It had before it quadrennial reports for the period 1988-1991 and 1990-1993 on the activities of 183 non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II (E/C.2/1995/2 and Add.1-10 and E/C.2/1995/3 and Add.1).

42. The Committee considered the quadrennial report submitted by the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (E/C.2/1995/2/Add.2) at its 577th and 578th meetings, on 22 and 23 June.

43. At the 577th meeting, on 22 June, the representative of Costa Rica expressed support for the activities of the organization but saw the need for clarification regarding the limitation of the question of impunity to the Latin American region.

44. The representative of China sought clarification regarding the statements made by the organization to the Commission on Human Rights regarding the rights to self-determination of Tibet, pointing out that Tibet was an autonomous region that was part of the territory of China.

45. The representative of Ireland commended the report for its comprehensiveness, which showed that the organization had contributed fully to the activities of the United Nations.

46. The representatives of Chile and Ethiopia drew attention to the provisions of paragraph 40 (b) of Council resolution 1296, which spelled out the role of the Committee regarding its consideration of quadrennial reports.

47. The representative of the Russian Federation stated that the report fully conformed to the provision of Council resolution 1296.

48. The representative of India sought clarification of the statement in the report that peoples and not individuals were partners of the organization.

49. The representative of the organization stated that her organization saw itself as the spokesperson of peoples that had no access to the United Nations. She noted that self-determination was not the same thing as secession or independence.

50. The representatives of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland noted that the Charter of the United Nations referred to self-determination.

51. At its 578th meeting, the Committee resumed its consideration of the report.

52. The representative of China noted that he had received further clarifications from the organization, which had assured his delegation that its activities did not include support for the secession or independence of any part of the territory of China.

53. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take note of the report.

54. At its 578th meeting on 23 June 1995 the Committee considered the quadrennial report of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and Committee of North and South America, as contained in document E/C.2/1995/2/Add.5.

55. The representatives of Costa Rica, Greece, China, the Russian Federation and the Philippines noted with appreciation the important contribution that the organization was making to the work of the United Nations.

56. At the same meeting, the Committee took note of the report.

57. The Committee considered the quadrennial report of the International Federation of Free Trade Unions as contained in document E/C.2/1995/2/Add.10 at its 578th to 579th meetings, on 23 June.

58. At its 578th meeting, on 23 June, the representative of Costa Rica noted the broad coverage of the organization and its important work on the issue of child labour.

59. The representative of Cuba stated that the organization had a political bias and noted the absence of information on its contribution to the work of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

60. The representatives of Ireland and of the United States of America were extremely pleased with the report and noted the organization's contribution to the work of the United Nations.

61. The representative of China noted the lack of detail on the organization's activities, registered his disappointment with the absence of information on the organization's contribution to the work of the ILO, and requested clarification of the capacity in which the organization participated in the General Assembly, as well as its activities in the Commission on Human Rights during 1990-1993.

62. The representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, the Russian Federation, Costa Rica and Bulgaria supported taking note of the report and the maintenance of the current category.

63. At the 579th meeting, on 23 June, the representative of China stated that the absence of information on work with the ILO in the report violated the provisions of resolution 1296 and, therefore, he had strong reservations on the report.

64. The representative of Cuba stated that he had reservations on the report and that in future the organization should submit a more complete report.

65. The Committee took note of the report of the organization.

66. At the same meeting, the Committee suspended its consideration of the item.

IV. REVIEW OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

67. The Committee considered agenda item 5 at the 576th and 577th meetings, on 22 June 1995. It had before it the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations on its second session (E/1993/83 and Add.1).

68. The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the issues contained in the report of the Working Group.

69. Statements were made by the Chairperson of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and by the representatives of the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Ireland, China, Costa Rica, Swaziland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ethiopia, Greece, India and the observer of Pakistan. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and of the International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhoods Centers, a non-governmental organization in consultative status, category II. Preliminary comments were made on the following matters, in particular:

(a) The decision-making process in the Committee;

(b) The need for the Committee to review its methods of work and improve and streamline its procedures in order to enable it to cope with an increasing amount of work and documentation. In that connection, the following issues were mentioned:

(i) The need to reduce and streamline the volume of documentation and ensure its timely issuance, and the need to improve procedures for the consideration of consultative status and of requests for reclassification through various modalities, such as establishing preliminary screening procedures or working groups of the Committee;

(ii) The need to review the format and contents of the current questionnaire for applications and reclassifications in order to reduce the volume of documentation while ensuring that the Committee was provided with the relevant information;

(iii) The need to make arrangements to expedite the application process for non-governmental organizations accredited to United Nations conferences;

(c) The question of increasing the membership of the Committee;

(d) The need to preserve the technical nature of the work of the Committee;

(e) The question of extending the arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations to all areas in which the United Nations was active, including disarmament, finance, international trade and law;

(f) The question of a wider participation by non-governmental organizations from developing countries;

(g) The frequency of meetings of the Committee and the holding of meetings on an ad hoc basis;

(h) The dissemination of information on the role and activities of the Committee;

(i) The relationship between the Committee and the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat;

(j) The need to explore ways to strengthen the dialogue between United Nations Member States and non-governmental organizations through such modalities as round tables and consultations.

V. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 1997 SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

70. The Committee considered agenda item 6 at its 579th meeting, on 23 June 1995.

71. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for the 1997 session, as amended, and decided to submit it to the Economic and Social Council for approval (see sect. I, draft decision II).

VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

72. At its 579th meeting, on 23 June, the Committee adopted the draft report on its current session (E/C.2/1995/L.1 and Add.1), as revised and amended during the discussion.

VII. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

73. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations met at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 June 1995. The Committee held 23 meetings (556th to 579th meetings). The session was opened by the Director, Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat.

B. Attendance

74. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

75. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine.

76. The following specialized agency was represented: International Labour Organization.

77. The following intergovernmental organization was represented: Organization of African Unity.

78. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, attended the session: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Soroptimist International, World Federation of United Nations Associations.

C. Election of officers

79. At the 556th meeting, on 12 June 1995, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Mrs. Ruth Limjuco (Philippines)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Vladlen S. Stefanov (Bulgaria)
Mr. Fidel Coloma (Chile)
Mr. John Biggar (Ireland)
Mr. Moses Dlamini (Swaziland)

80. At the same meeting, it was decided that Mr. Fidel Coloma would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

81. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.2/1995/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1993 session of the Committee;

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.

5. Review of future activities.

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1997.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

E. Resumed session of the Committee

82. At its 579th meeting, on 23 June, the Committee had before it a draft decision concerning the holding of a resumed session of the Committee in order to complete the work of its present session.

83. Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Greece, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Russian Federation, Chile, Cuba, Ireland, Costa Rica, China and India.

84. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see chap. I, draft decision III).

F. Documentation

85. The list of documents before the Committee is contained in the annex to the present report.

Annex

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT ITS 1995 SESSION

Document number	Agenda item	Title or description
E/1995/83 and Add.1	5	Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations on its second session and compilation of proposals
E/C.2/1995/1	2	Provisional agenda
E/C.2/1995/2 and Add.1-10	4	Quadrennial reports 1988-1991 and 1990-1993
E/C.2/1995/3 and Add.1	4	Quadrennial reports: follow-up to decisions taken by the Committee at its session in 1993
E/C.2/1995/CRP.1	1	Provisional annotated agenda
E/C.2/1995/CRP.2 and Add.1	2	Requests by Non-Governmental Organizations to be heard by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995
E/C.2/1995/INF/1	-	List of participants
E/C.2/1995/L.1 and Add.1	7	Draft report of the Committee
E/C.2/1995/L.2	3	Draft decision
E/C.2/1995/R.1	3	Note by the Secretary-General on deferred applications for consultative status
E/C.2/1995/R.2 and Add.1-31	3	Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status
E/C.2/1995/R.3 and Add.1-8	3	Note by the Secretary-General on requests for reclassification

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